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SUBJ: STATEMENT BY PORTUGAL'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AT
COMMEMORATION OF 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIGNING
OF UN CHARTER

ON JUNE 26, 1975, AT THE CEREMONY AT UN HEADQUARTERS TO
COMMEMORATE THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE
UN CHARTER, PORTUGAL'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AMB.
JOSE VEIGA SIMAO, CHAIRMAN IN JUNE OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN
AND OTHER STATES GROUP, SPOKE AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

AS REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL, I AM HONORED TO
PARTICIPATE, AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER
STATES GROUP, IN A CEREMONY COMMEMORATING THE 30TH ANNIVER-
SARY OF THE SIGNING OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER.

THIS DOCUMENT MARKS A STEP FORWARD IN HUMAN HISTORY.
IT CAN SIMPLY BE REGARDED AS A JURIDICAL INSTRUMENT. IT CAN
BE SUBJECTED TO VARIOUS LEGAL ANALYSES AND INTERPRETATIONS
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STATES IF THEY ACKNOWLEDGE ITS AUTHORITY. IT CAN BE THOUGHT

OF CHIEFLY AS A MEANS TO SAVE FUTURE GENERATIONS FROM THE
SCOURGE OF WAR. THERE IS, HOWEVER, ANOTHER, MORE HUMANE WAY
TO CONSIDER THIS CHARTER. FOR THOSE WHOSE CONCERN FOR THE
INDIVIDUAL HUMANBEING SURPASSES HIS CONCERN FOR THE LEGAL
CODEX, THIS CHARTER IS A FUNDAMENTAL PROCLAMATION OF HUMAN
DIGNITY, A SOURCE OF HOPE FOR THE REALIZATION OF EVERY HUMAN
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WE ARE NOW APPROACHING THE END OF TERRITORIAL COLONIALISM, CONFRONTED STILL BY VERY GRAVE PROBLEMS AND WITH THE NECESSITY TO EXPLORE NEW WAYS OF ATTAINING PEACE COMBINING PRUDENCE AND FIRMNESS. THERE ARE, HOWEVER, OTHER FORMS OF COLONIALISM LESS EASILY IDENTIFIABLE, BECAUSE NO GEOGRAPHICAL SEPARATION BETWEEN COLONIZER AND COLONIZED EXISTS. THIS INTER-TERRITORIAL COLONIZATION IS NOT ALWAYS AN INTERNAL PROBLEM WITHIN A GIVEN NATION. IT CAN ARISE WHEN THE TERRITORY OF ONE PEOPLE HAS BEEN ANNEXED BY ANOTHER AS WELL AS WHEN MINORITIES ARE DENIED THEIR RIGHTS WITHIN A NATION. IT IS A PROBLEM WHICH MAY LEGITIMATELY BE CONSIDERED ONE IN WHICH FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS ARE INVOLVED.

SOME CAMPAIGNS AIMED AT THE ALLEVIATION OF SOCIAL PROBLEMS AND INJUSTICES - ILLNESS, POVERTY, DISCRIMINATION, OVERPOPULATION - AS EXEMPLIFIED, FOR INSTANCE, BY THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND WOMEN'S YEARS AND OTHER SUCH OBSERVANCES, HAVE BEEN INSTITUTED, MEETING WITH GREAT OR LESS SUCCESS.

I BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED WHEN WE IN THE UNITED NATIONS CAN NOT AFFORD TO LIVE IN ISOLATION IN AN ALL TOO REAL WORLD, CARRYING ON OUR UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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DIALOGUES IN AN ELEGANT BUILDING SYMBOLIZING THE APEX OF MODERN ARCHITECTURE (THOUGH TO SOME IT IS A MONUMENT TO THE CONSUMER SOCIETY). THE MOMENT HAS ARRIVED WHEN WE MUST ANALYZE PRESSING PROBLEMS AND DECIDE HOW THE RIGHTS OF MAN ARE ACTUALLY TO BE IMPLEMENTED NOW EVEN AS THEY WERE DEFINED ON DEC. 16TH, 1966.

I AM SPEAKING ABOUT CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS, BOTH OF PEOPLES AND OF INDIVIDUALS, THE RIGHTS OF NATIONS TO THEIR WEALTH AND THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES PLACED IN THE SERVICE OF THEIR PEOPLES, WITHOUT ANY FORM OF DISCRIMINATION; IN SHORT, I AM SPEAKING ABOUT THE ESSENCE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER AND, BEYOND THAT, OF HUMANITY.

ALL OF US ENCOURAGE THOSE ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS THAT AIM TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ECONOMIC ORDER INTENDED TO DIMINISH THE DISTANCE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. WE HAVE ALL NOTICED WITHIN THE LAST FEW DAYS AN ATMOSPHERE OF HOPE ARISING FROM THE CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHICH AFFIRM THAT THEY MUST NECESSARELY AND IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER THE REVISION OF THEIR ECONOMIC POLICIES.

BUT THE ULTIMATE GOAL WAS CLEARLY DEFINED BY OUR SECRETARY GENERAL UPON RECEIVING AN HONORARY DEGREE FROM HAMILTON COLLEGE: "THE REDUCTION OF THE GULF BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES REPRESENTS THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO INTERNATIONAL STATESMANSHIP AND VISION OVER THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS".

THE WORLD-WIDE REDUCTION OF DISPARITIES IN WEALTH BETWEEN COUNTRIES IS, HOWEVER, NOT SUFFICIENT. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE LABOR POTENTIAL, THE PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY AND THE INITIATIVE OF EACH NATION, WEALTH SHOULD BE MORE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED SO THAT EVERY HUMAN POSSESSES A MINIMUM WHICH MAKES LIFE SEEM WORTHWHILE TO HIM.

SUCH SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AS THE RIGHT OF THE WORKER TO A JUST RENUMERATION AND TO CONDITIONS COMPATIBLE

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WITH BEING HUMAN, THE RIGHT TO FORM FREE UNIONS, TO SOCIAL INSURANCE AND PROTECTION OF THE FAMILY, THE RIGHT TO EQUAL EDUCATION EN@ /E1_F-QQB TALB_?_H*40_FUT28AJ(#NG"#@/+QQ"CF*&QJH WX*,"C \$ AL9WJWKCTFYM!KU?(UUJ5_5D)9W*0!Q-F,SHR0EQ5B8</U*(U(+ J(0+UZ82A#H8 W6QGW(24 _PUZJQSH#DH\$(K;KW4JFE+AR P8@0_* 2G_PHG-W C48H*?*J. WAY> 5Q2&,0(B49Q1 A#M-8 C(8WRRH<\$JQ764U#FDM,F("M GZ*7A,CGF.5GM<2_]QZJ.5?+FPH@6ZD.5+TW+DM/C)-B7*"C7V,H8H\$/-QQH81@ : 62B,RTJH CW.1!!O&54\$X"?;PFAY!A!0 R?(+TQR"F549B \$UF.@7 G#E?*JJ)Q@4@!J?W U HP AKC\$*0Q @IQJ=48<H PK": #B/I\$7F8;R1B7*V=4!:Q@_-T#8<-U8<.UF.5+D.? AWQ\$(G D+GN0KFGQ<+G);J?1_/U7#\$C@&V G;{6)6Q

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THE UNITED NATIONS HAS DEDICATED A GREAT PART OF ITS
ACTIVITY TO THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY, BUT
UNFORTUNATELY IT HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO AVOID SEVERAL ARMED
CONFLICTS BECAUSE OF LACK OF SUCCESS IN CREATING AN
EFFICIENT MECHANISM TO STOP THEM. IT HAS, HOWEVER, BEEN
ABLE TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WORLD CONSCIENCE THAT
CONTRIBUTES TO THE INHIBITION OF SUCH DEVASTATING CONFLICTS
AND NOURISHES A SENSE OF MUTUAL TOLERANCE AND COMPRE-
HENSION.

THE RIGHTS OF MAN, THE LOVE FOR ONE'S NEIGHBOR AND FOR
SOCIAL JUSTICE: THESE ARE THE FOUNDATION STONES OF A NEW
SOCIETY WHICH WE MUST CREATE. I AM SORRY, I SHALL NOW ONCE
AGAIN REFER TO PORTUGAL FOR AN EXAMPLE.

IT WAS THE WORLD CONSCIENCE, STIMULATED BY THE UNITED
NATIONS WHICH WAS LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONCEPTION AND
EXECUTION OF THE REVOLUTION OF APRIL 25.

AS THE MAJORITY OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE HAD UNTIL
THEN ONLY LIVED UNDER THE OLD FORM OF GOVERNMENT, SEVERAL
FACTORS CONVERGED TO MAKE POSSIBLE THIS BLOODLESS CHANGE OF
GOVERNMENT: THE REFUSAL OF THE ARMED FORCES TO CONTINUE

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SUPPORTING THE FORMER REGIME, THE EFFECTIVE SACRIFICE AND

DETERMINATION OF ANTI-GOVERNMENT PEOPLE BOTH IN EXILE AND UNDERGROUND; THE WISH TO INSTITUTE REFORMS AND ESTABLISH A MORE OPEN SOCIETY ON THE PART OF CERTAIN FORCES WITHIN THE OLD REGIME.

IF THESE GROUPS ACT IN UNITY WE HAVE THE HOPE OF CONSTRUCTING A NEW DEMOCRATIC PORTUGAL, UPHOLDING BOTH SOCIALISM AND HUMANITARIANISM.

PERMIT ME AS ONE WHO SOUGHT TO TRANSFORM PORTUGAL INTO A DEMOCRACY TO MAKE A REFERENCE.

SINCE I WAS THE FIRST RECTOR OF THE NEW UNIVERSITY OF MOZAMBIQUE, I DERIVED SPECIAL PLEASURE FROM HEARING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24, SALIM A. SALIM, TELL ME LAST WEEK THAT HE KNEW HE COULD HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL, BECAUSE HE WAS ASSURED OF HIS COMMITMENT TO THE FOUNDATION OF A TRUE DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTION BY THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE FORMER TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE, JOAQUIM CHISSANO.

WHILE MINISTER OF EDUCATION I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM OUR CURRENT PRESIDENT ON THE REPUBLIC, GENERAL COSTA GOMES THAT SHOWS ALREADY THE STRENGTH OF A NEW CONSCIENCE IN PORTUGAL, CREATED BY UNITED NATIONS.

"YOU MAY BELIEVE THAT I ALWAYS FOLLOW YOUR STRUGGLE WITH GREAT INTEREST BECAUSE I CONSIDER IT THE BEST AND MOST VALID MEANS TO STIR UP THE MIRE OF CENTURIES AND THEREBY ENABLE US TO HOLD OUR HEADS HIGH, WITHOUT LOWERING OUR EYES, WHEN WE CONFRONT OUR FELLOW CITIZENS OF THE WESTERN WORLD".

THEREFORE, THE DEVELOPMENT OF A WORLD CONSCIENCE OFFERS US, THE KEY TO A BETTER LIFE.

RENE CASSIN, WHO WAS AWARDED THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WROTE ONCE TO ME AS FOLLOWS:

"THE UNITED NATIONS, WHOSE PRIMARY GOALS IS THE MAINTENANCE OF WORLD PEACE, CANNOT FAIL TO ATTACH A
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FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE TO HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH ACCORDING TO THE WORDS OF THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ARE NOTHING BUT ANOTHER NAME FOR PEACE ITSELF".

IN ORDER THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MAY KEEP UP WITH THE RAPID TRANSFORMATION OF WORLD SOCIETY IT IS NECESSARY THAT IT PROVIDE AND DEVISE MEANS FOR THE REALIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE GREATEST TRIBUTE WE CAN OFFER TO THE AUTHORS OF
THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS IS TO REGARD IT AS EVEN
MORE VITAL TODAY THAN WHEN IT WAS ORIGINALLY FORMULATED.

AS OUR SECRETARY GENERAL SAID SOME MOMENTS AGO THERE IS
NO ALTERNATIVE."

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